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		I am anxious that the Mational Photographic Interpretation Center be in as strong as possible a position to cope with problems which are now forecast, particularly those related to the volume of inputs.
		Would you please form a group to look into the matter.
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		I would appreciate it if we could undertake this at an early date,
		Sincerely,
		(signed) W. F. Raborn
		W. J. Raborn Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Re-examination of Long-Range Requirements of the National Photographic Interpretation Center

1. I have received a memorandum from the Director of Budget, Program Analysis and Manpower conveying to me your instruction that immediate steps be taken to re-examine the long-range requirements of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) and that, in accordance with the Director's desires, this be done by a high level group of consultants.

2. I understand that the Inspector General intends to	
recommend in his report of survey of MPIC that a panel of	
consultants be convened to make a cross-disciplinary examination	OI
of photo interpretation technology and procedures in MPIC.	
We have had numerous panels formed to look at particular	
photo interpretation problems. Among these was a Photo	
Working Panel under the technical direction of	
of Stanford University, which spent some three months	
last year studying problems of image quality. Also last year,	
the Optics Panel of the Director's Scientific Advisory Board	
looked into problems of image quality, image reconstruction,	
and the optical capabilities of the Agency. However, there	
has not been an across the board scientific and technical	
examination of NPIC by outsiders since a survey made by the	
in 1959.	

		Inspector General has already devoted some time
to	identify	ing particularly well qualified men in fields such
as	physics,	communications engineering, civil engineering,
psy	chology,	and education who might serve on the panel.
Inc	luded on	his list are such men as:

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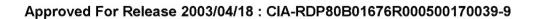
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25X1	has had experience in developing a carrier-borne photo exploitation center for the Navy.
	4. We should, I believe, proceed through existing Agency machinery created for just such a problem; namely, the Director's Scientific Advisory Board (see Attachment A for terms of reference) by requesting Dr, the Board's Chairman, to form a panel to make the study and to submit recommendations to the Director.
25X1	5. I therefore recommend that the Director sign the attached letter to Dr (see Attachment B) or, in the alternative, authorize me to contact him.
	R. J. SMITH Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence Attachments
	cc: Executive Director Inspector General Director, BPAM Director, NPIC

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